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Application No.: 10/078805

Filed: February 18, 2002

Title: BIOCOMPATIBLE COMPOUNDS FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE
PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS

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Application No.: 10/078805 **Examiner:** WEBMAN, Edward
Filing Date: 18.2.2002

Pharmaceutical Drug Delivery Systems

Filed: February 18, 2002
Title: Biocompatible Compounds for Sustained Release Pharmaceutical Drug Delivery Systems
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1 Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.116**
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on September 23, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
 - iv. Other
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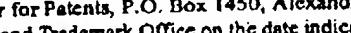
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